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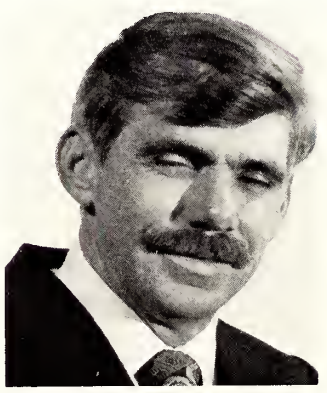

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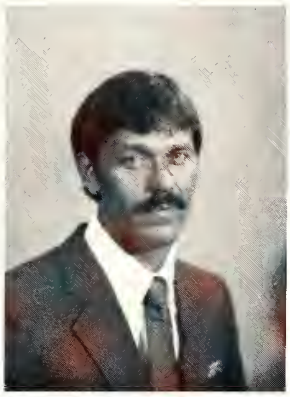

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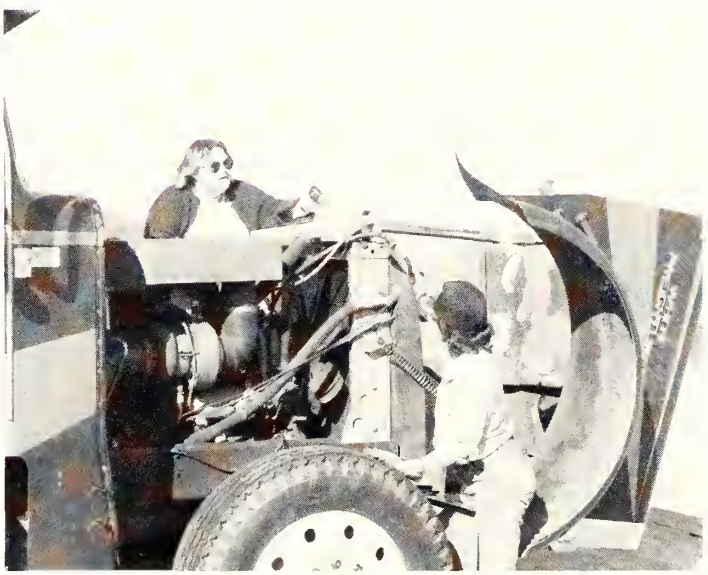

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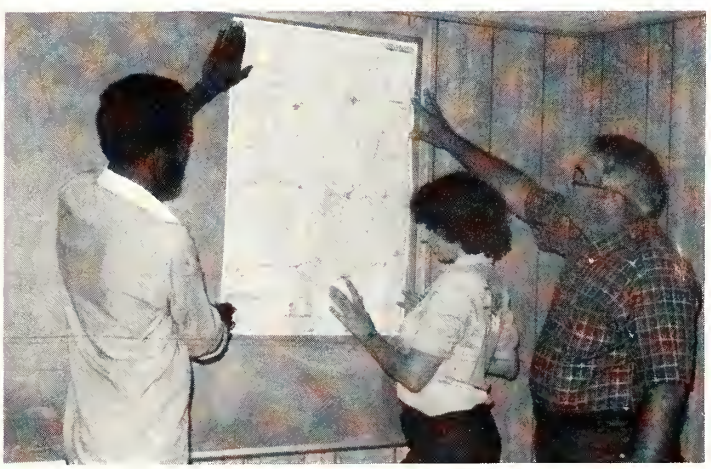

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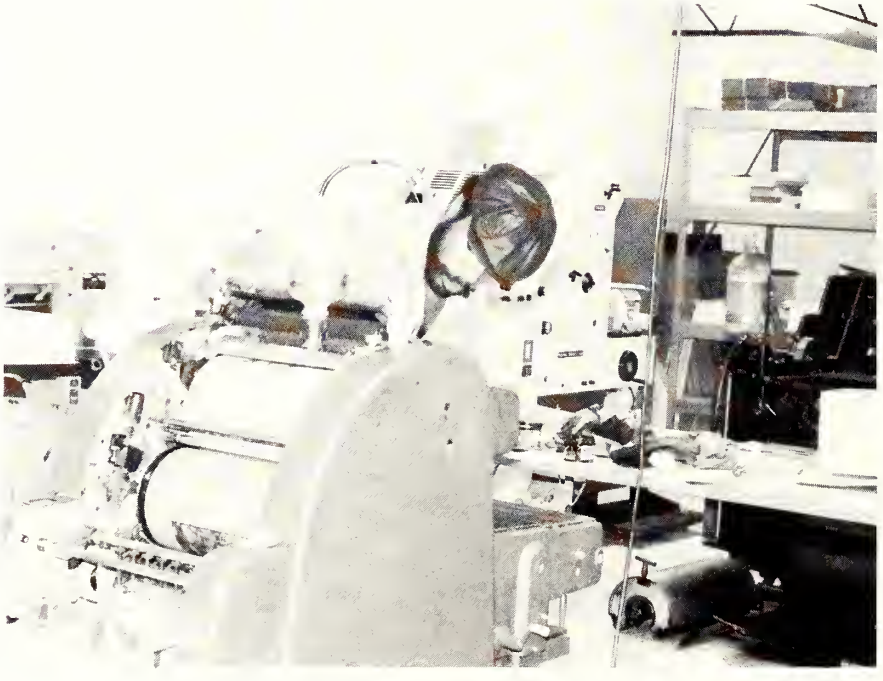

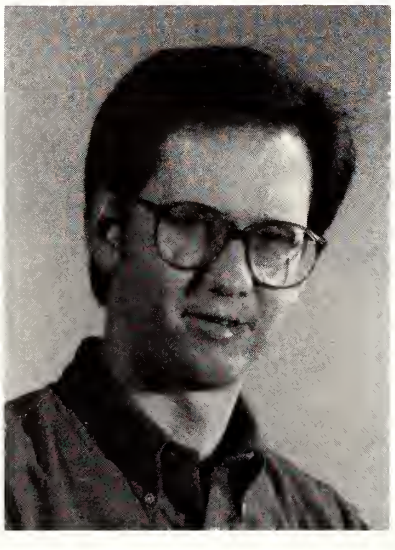

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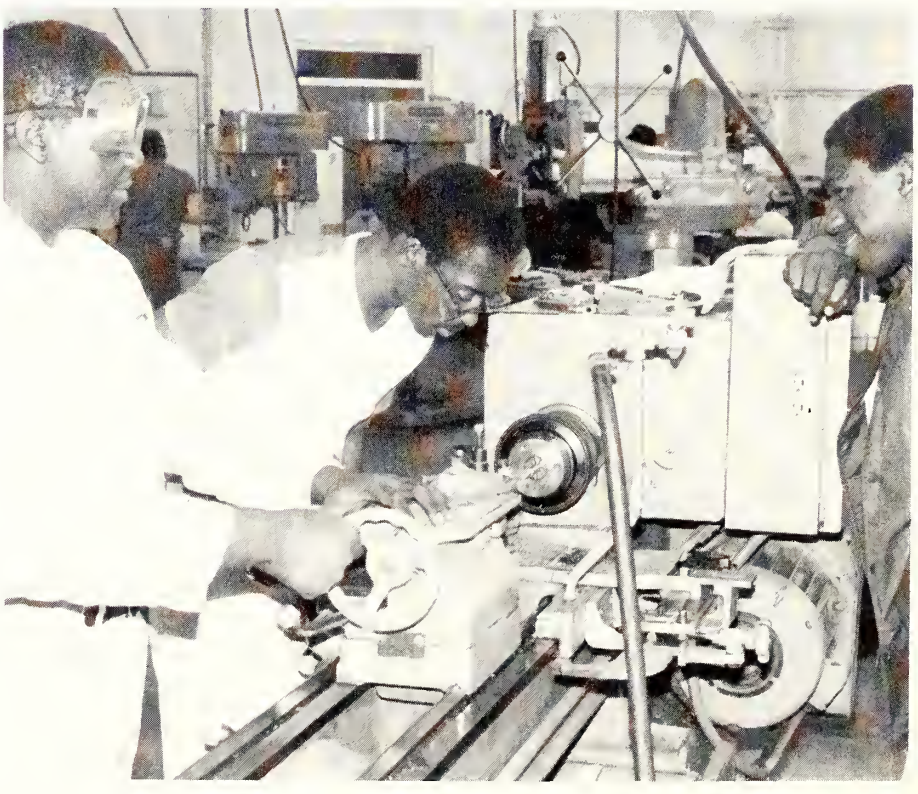

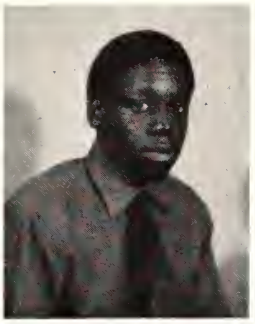

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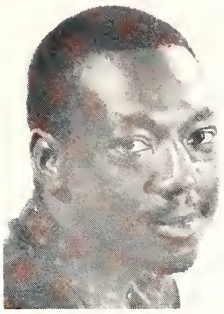

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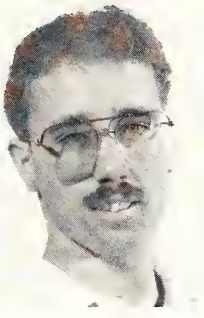

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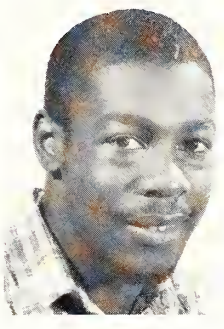

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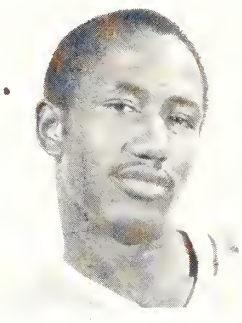

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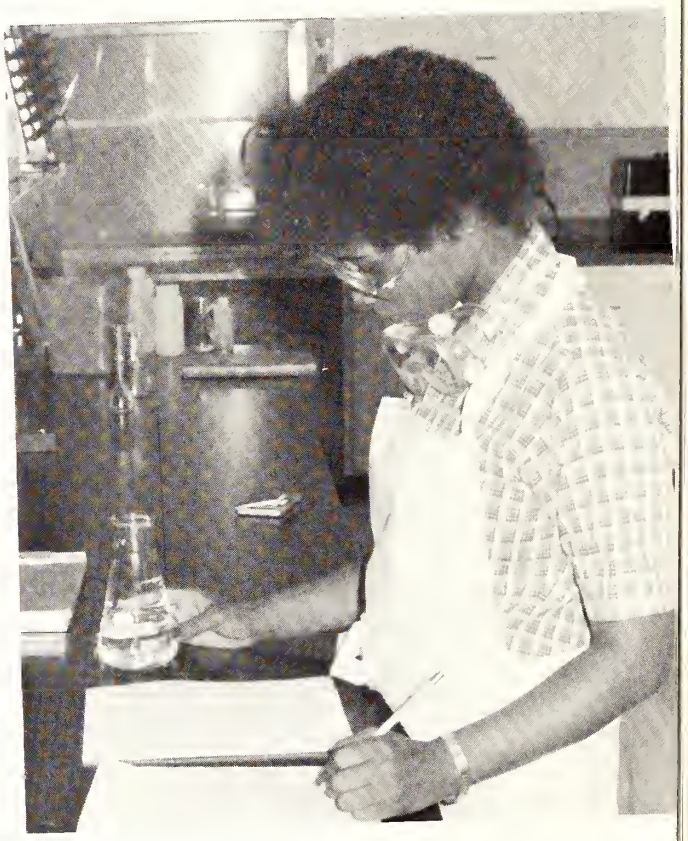

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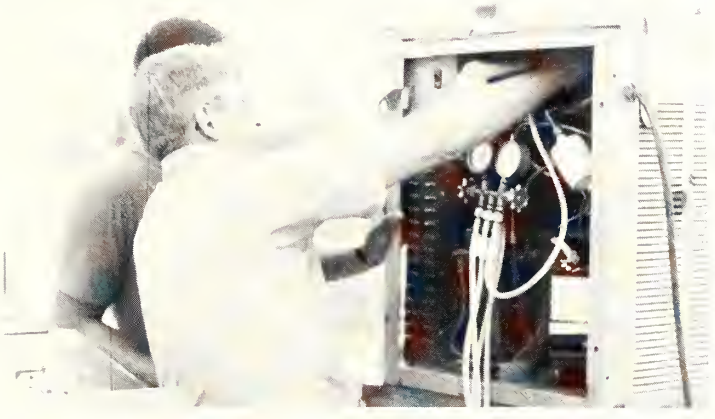

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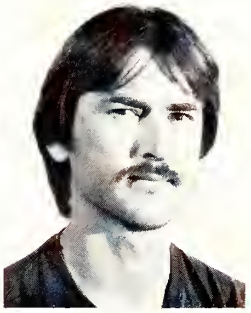

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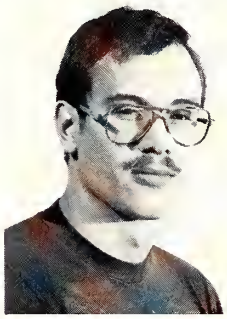

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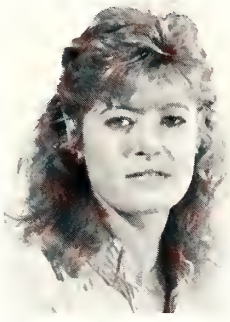

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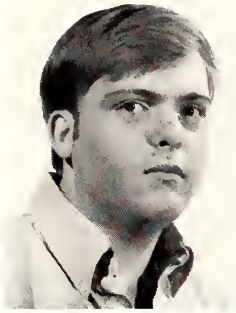

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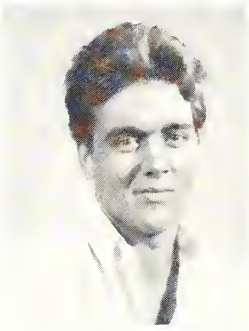

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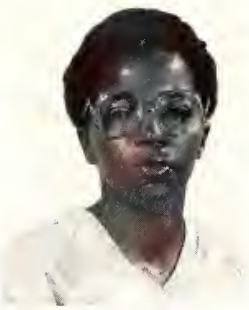

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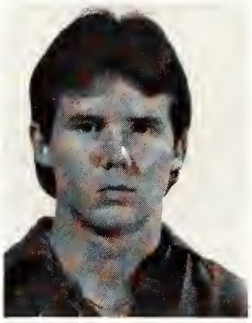

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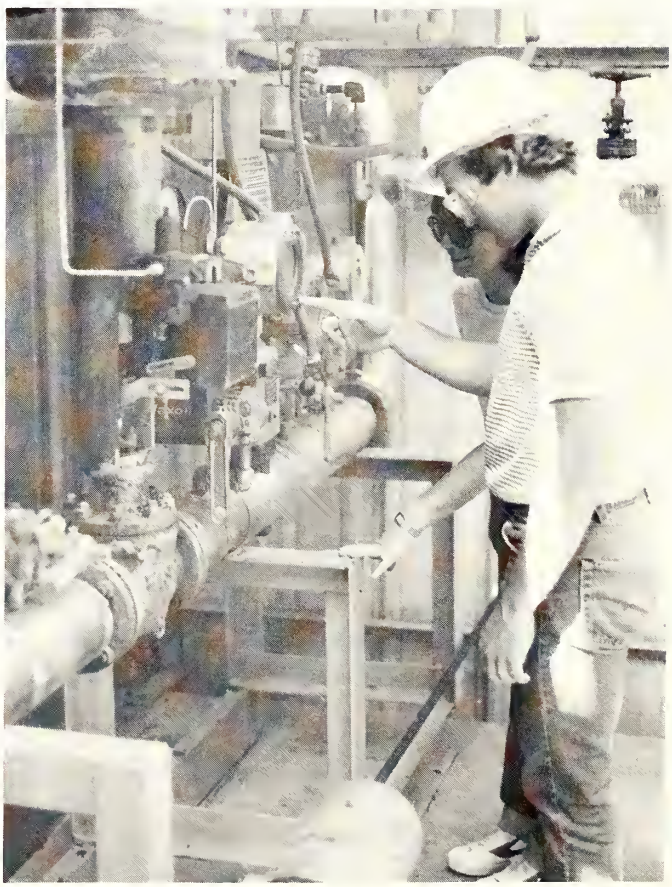

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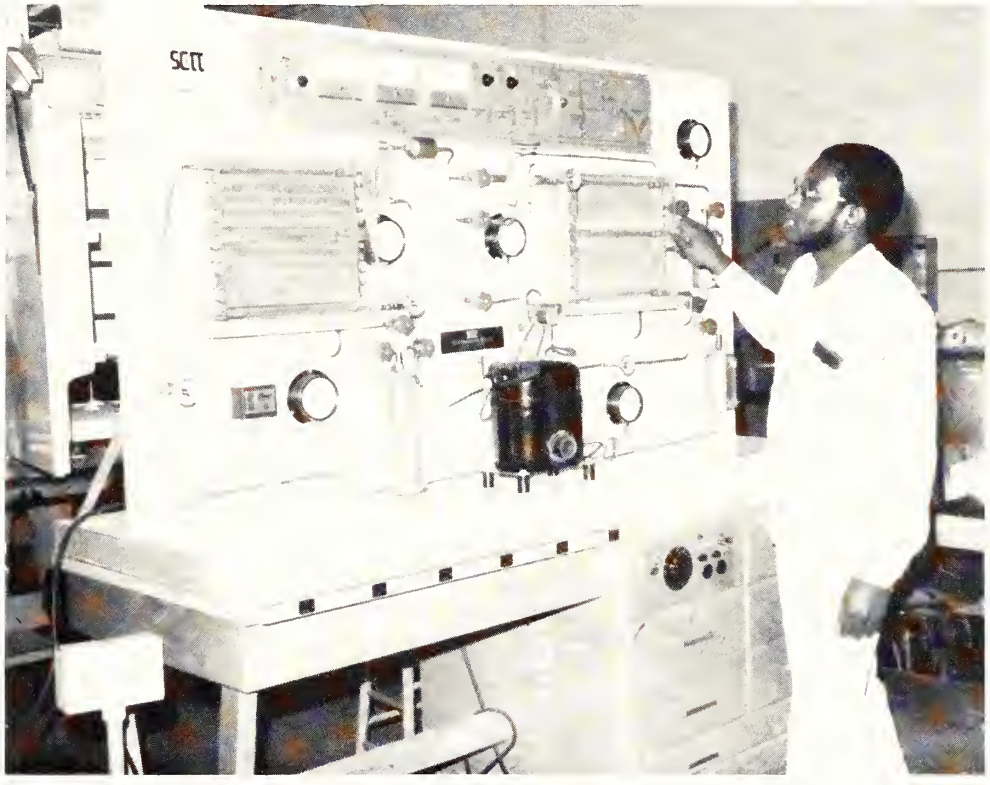

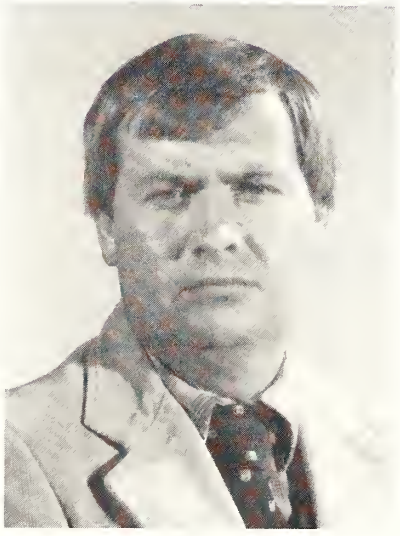

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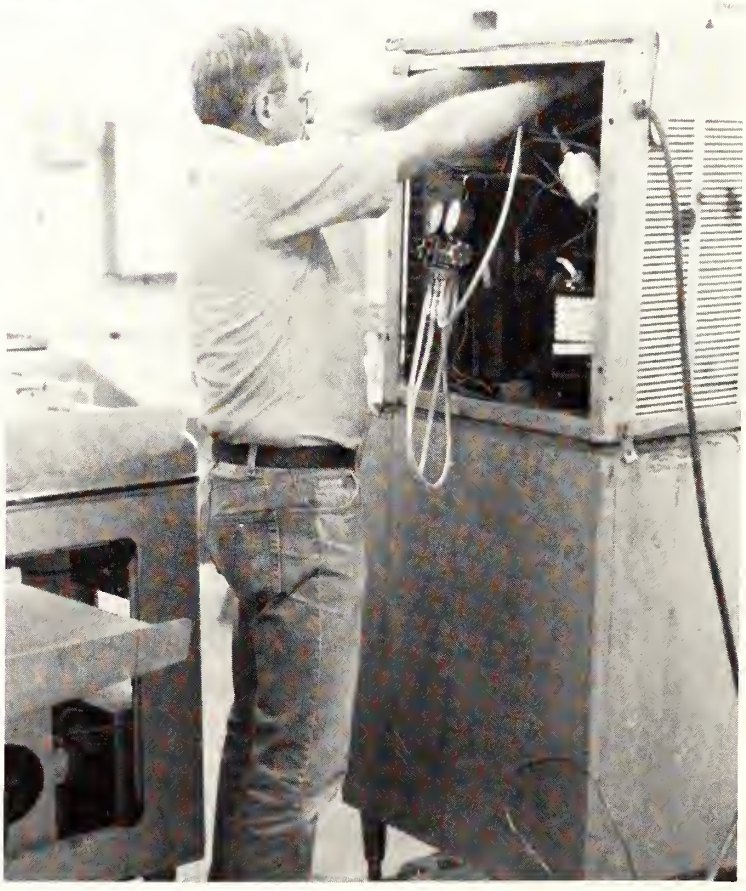

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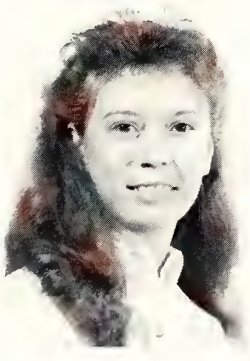

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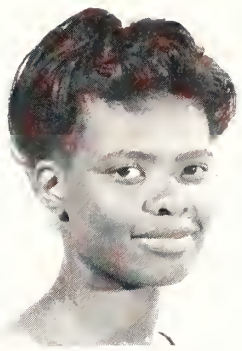

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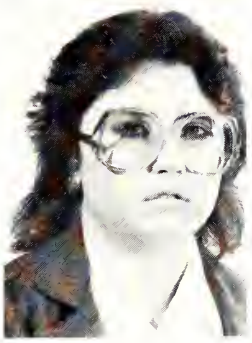

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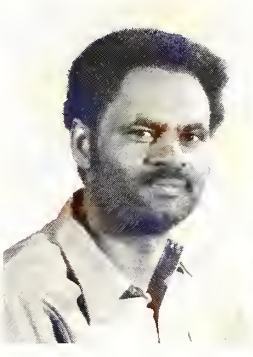

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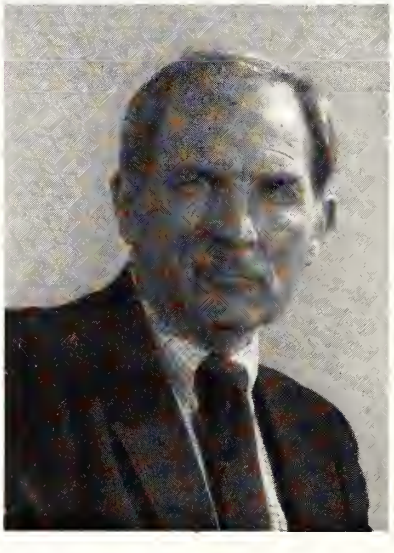

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Adult Basic Education

Riverboat Pilot & Crew Training

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History of Riverboat Pilot & Crew Training at GTVTC

In 1975, the area Chambers of Commerce toured the developments on the Arkansas River to get an idea of what the future holds for the Tenn Tom Waterway. On that trip, some of the community leaders were made aware that a shortage of riverboat pilots existed and for the Tenn-Tom River to be utilized to its fullest, pilots must be trained to operate on the Waterway.

Shortly after that trip, Aaron Langston, Jess Moore, Bill Hood, T.E. Vietch and John Albritton made a trip to the National River Academy in Helena, Arkansas, to see what was being done to reduce that shortage. They found that only a few pilots were being produced annually.

Subsequently, a study was conducted by the GTVTC of the Inland waterways and it was determined that a shortage of approxmately 1000 pilots existed and that with the opening of the Tenn-Tom ,that shortage would increase to approximately 2000. Also, the attrition to retirement far exceeds the number being produced.

The GTVTC organized an advisory committee of river users to determine the course of action that should be taken. It was determined that the need for trained deckhands would never be met. The operation on the Tenn-Tom Waterway will be very different from that on the Mississippi River. One of the recommendations that was seriously dealt with is to train with live equipment, that is as near that being used by the existing towing operations.

In 1979, the GTVTC committed to the program and acquired a salvage boat from the U.S. Air Force. This boat was renovated but sank in January of 1982. It was raised by the Center's staff and is currently undergoing renovation. In 1980, the GTVTC acquired two barges from the U.S. Corps of Engineers. While these barges were tied up in Mobile awaiting river development so they could be brought to Columbus, Hurricane Fredrick tore one of the barges out of the fleet and blew it up on dry land, tearing a large hole in the barge. The center sold the barge to a salvage company to relieve of liability. The center then acquired 4 crew boats.

In 1981, the U.S. Corps of Engineers retired the Mateur - the last steam-operated tug boat on the Mississippi River - at Vicksburg, Mississippi. The GTVTC immediately requested the boat to use as dormitory and dining facilities for the Riverboat program. Much to the Center's pleasure the tug was awarded to them. It sleeps 50 people and has a modern galley and two dining rooms. The galley is equipped with walk-in refrigerator and freezer, ice machine, reach-in refrigerator and freezer, and electric ranges and griddles. The center plans to keep the boat at its existing condition without modifications, since it is the last boat of its era. It was built in St. Louis for the Defense Department in 1943 and was one of 13 of these boats.

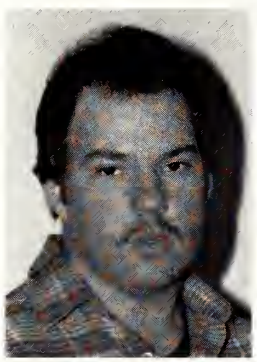
In 1982, the center acquired two additional barges, bringing the fleet to 3 barges, 4 crew boats, a salvage boat and the Mateur. Also in 1982, the GTVTC purchased a towboat to use in the training program. The boat was constructed in 1981 by OMNI ship builders of Corpus Christi, Texas and was purchased for $680,000. It is 1200 hp pawered by 2 General Motors diesel engines. It is equipped with two radios, radar, and all other navagational equipment. The boat carries a crew of 6 and is equipped with air conditioning, two full baths, and an all-electric galley.

Warrior Gulf Navigation Co. loaned its Port Captain, Bedford Slaughter, to the Center to help develop the curriculum and advise in equipment search and purchases.

Presently directing the Riverboat Pilot and Crew Training Program is Captain M.D. (Dean) White. Captain White will begin to extend his knowledge of crew training to deckhand students in January, 1984.

Kirk Boling

Mack Harris



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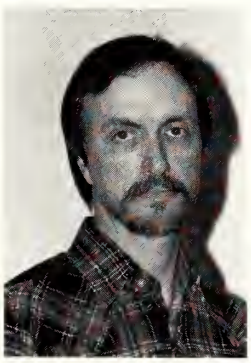

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Jeff Plyer

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Wittiest ***Andrita Bishop*** ***Mitch Gordon***

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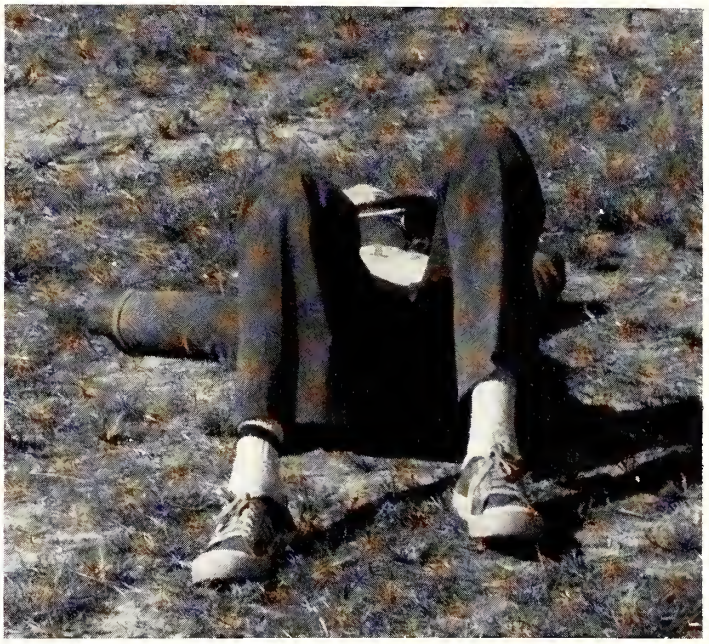

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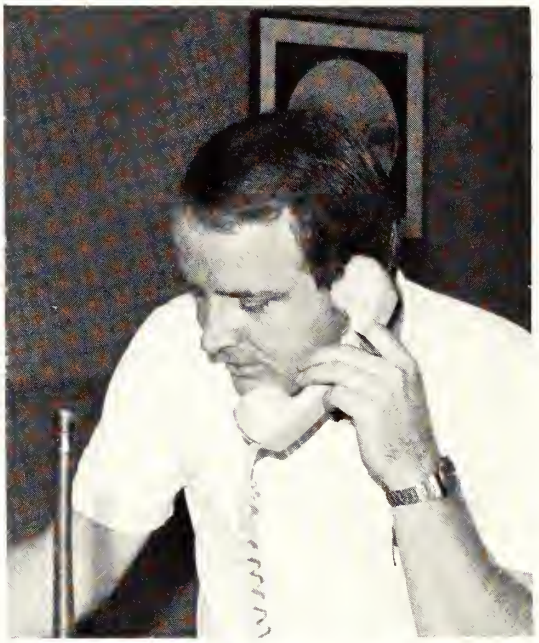

Lest We Forget

William S. Wilkins
''Bill''
1927-1983

''The difficult we do immediately;
the impossible takes a little longer''

We shall remember Bill with great fondness.

Dedication

The 1984 Reflections Annual is dedicated to C.E. Blake, Jr., the Industrial Electricity Instructor. Mr. Blake has been with the GTVTC since 1969 and has done an outstanding job placing students in the job market.

Mr. Blake is married to Mary Blake, a former high school business and English teacher, and he is the father of two children: Randy Blake 37, and Deborah Pullen 31. The Blakes are residents of Ackerman, MS., where they have lived for the most part of 35 years. Mr. Blake received his BS Degree in Industrial Education from Mississippi State University in 1983 at the age of 59.

Mr. Blake's hobbies include gardening, working around the house, and building a retirement home in the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina.

''Thank you Mr. Blake, for your years of service. Your dedication to GTVTC and its students is greatly appreciated by everyone.''

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